HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 424 By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor Bob Couch on receiving the Highland Rim "Mr. Democrat of 1998" award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize those Tennesseans who have given many outstanding years of dedicated service to their respective political parties; and

WHEREAS, Bob Couch is one such remarkable man who deserves much praise, as well as the commendation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch is a third generation Democrat and Tullahoma merchant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch has co-chaired Coffee County's successful campaign to elect Frank Clement governor in 1953 and also Kenneth McKellar, Senator; Estes Kefaufer, Senator; Gordon Browning, Governor; Joe L. Evans, Congressman; and more recently the Gores, both Albert Gore, Sr. and Vice President Al Gore, Jr. to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, he was the first recipient of the Tullahoma "Lifetime Achievement" award and is also a photographer and historian, teacher, father, and grandfather; and WHEREAS, Mr. Couch and his wife, Dot have been married 44 years and have



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two daughters, Fran Gray and Candy Couch and one grandson, Jacob; and

WHEREAS, he has taught Sunday School at First Christian Church for twenty-six years and has held other offices in the church including chairman of the board and being named "elder emeritus"; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor Bob Couch; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Ms. Bob Couch on receiving the Highland Rim Democratic Club's "Mr. Democrat Award of 1998", commend him upon many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Democratic party and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Bob Couch, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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